Ticket penalized in elections

By ANNELEISE WOOLFORD
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Saint Mary’s student body candidates Sarah Brown and Michele Fitzgerald will have ten votes deducted from their vote total in today’s primary election as the result of a policy violation.

The College’s Elections Committee met Friday to discuss two separate complaint forms filed against Brown and Fitzgerald in regard to the Election Poster Policy.

The first complaint was filed Thursday in response to improper placement of flyers on bathroom mirrors. Consequently, the Elections Committee issued a warning to the ticket.

The second complaint filed against Brown and Fitzgerald concerned two 8 1/2” x 11” flyers posted outside of Holy Cross Hall residents’ rooms. When questioned by elections commissioner Nicole Haerbele, one resident said Fitzgerald was her friend and gave her the flyer.

“That was explicit in the complaint form,” Haerbele said.

Speaking on behalf of her ticket, Brown said that she and her running mate were unaware of how the resident received the handout.

“Our violation cited that Michele and I were responsible for all materials associated with our campaign centering with all Election Bylaws. Until this point, we were not aware that we would be responsible for the actions of the entire student body. The results are misleading, because many dioceses have, in fact, been doing the best they can to address the scandal.”

The results arc both impressive and coming to light over 25 years ago.

Center sponsors career fair

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

Some 150 organizations will be seeking potential employees from among the 2,000 expected students who will attend today’s Winter Career and Internship Fair.

All class levels and majors are encouraged to attend. The annual event, which is sponsored by Notre Dame’s Career Center, is from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center fieldhouse.

Various employers offered presentations yesterday.

Daniel Young, a Film, Television and Theater major, attended a presentation by MTV. As a junior, he sees this summer as his last opportunity for an internship before graduation. Young is optimistic about his chances and said his Notre Dame education provides him with a competitive edge.

Still, when it comes to getting a job, he said, "I imagine it would be tough.

The Career Center was busy yesterday helping preparing students for the fair, answering questions and critiquing resumes.

Molly Anderson, a senior marketing major, said, "It is too early to tell if the fair will be safe or as successful as last year's."
INSIDE COLUMN

Support the Revue

Don't get me wrong; I am a proud Saint Mary's student. I love my college, and if you insult my soon-to-be alma mater, I will probably beat you up.

But with this said, I do not have a problem with people poking fun at the stereotypes that certainly exist because of the fact that we are an all-girls school. Let's face it, girls, we give the Keenan Revue plenty of material for their various skits, songs and jokes.

For example, a woman's college means only girls are admitted, thus giving us the conclusion that there are no boys at Saint Mary's. Consequently, it is necessary to leave campus to find a relationship with a member of the opposite sex. Have you seen the mass exodus from campus on Fridays and Saturdays? It is an exodus that can be compared to the Great Exodus of the Bible as well as the ones that happen on home football game weekends.

This is prime material for the Keenan Revue. Pair this with the well-known, but false, assumption that most of the students at Saint Mary's are only there because they did not get into Notre Dame, or the so-called rivalry between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's women, or Saint Mary's freshmen mistakes of huddling into Hockey House or Glee Club parties, and you are bound to be made fun of.

Let's be honest — comedians all over the world take facts like these and distort them into humorous bits, and the Revue is no exception. And like comedians everywhere, someone somewhere is bound to see the fun in the jokes, and more often than not, they take offense at the material and throw a fit.

I agree the Revue should have a few guidelines, but let's face it — the only reason Saint Mary's gets any say in what happens at the Keenan Revue is simply because it happens at our school.

I say let the Keenan Revue go on as it has in the past. If nothing else, the Keenan Revue is the only time when the entire Notre Dame campus wants to come to Saint Mary's campus.

Let it live in the past with stereotypical comments about life at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross. Let's face it — we're funny, and all three of the campuses, as well as South Bend, provide material for the Revue.

So let's go and enjoy the entertainment of the weekend, knowing that no strange, stereotypical tidbit will escape the fury of the Revue.

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Officials say snow, ice removal not a problem

By LIAM FARRELL
News Writer

Despite dropping temperatures and growing piles of snow, Notre Dame maintenance officials said the clearing of campus sidewalks and roads has been running smoothly this year.

William Thistlethwaite, superintendent of landscape services, said that "snow removal is better this year than it has been in past years."

"It doesn't take any longer [to clear snow than before]," Thistlethwaite said. "It probably takes less time."

The plows and employees of landscape services work to clear snow whenever it falls in South Bend, working in three shifts daily between 2:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m.

"There are no hours," Thistlethwaite said of employees' schedules, adding that plows can be running 24 hours during significant snowstorms.

Notre Dame's snow removal team includes 28 employees, nine plows, three loaders and five brooms, and their area of responsibility runs throughout campus. Although clearing Juniper Road is the responsibility of St. Joseph's County, Notre Dame's crews often do it themselves.

They "probably do a better job," Thistlethwaite said.

While the custodians are responsible for clearing the areas immediately in front of the main entrances to the dorms, landscape services takes care of the rest of campus. Slight changes in the cleaning routines depend upon which areas will be trafficked heavily on a particular day. In such instances, the sidewalks in front of DeBartolo Hall may receive less attention than the sidewalks connecting dorms and dining halls.

Some students, however, have expressed concern over icy sidewalks and slippery walkways throughout campus.

"The plows just clear half of the sidewalk and part of the grass," junior Patrick Fishburne said, complaining that other areas are left covered in snow.

Sophomore Alicia Lachiondo agreed.

"I would put my tuition money into covering the sidewalks when it snows," she said.

Thistlethwaite, however, said any problems students encounter occur because of the time of snow fall. He said it is the process of constantly "redoing everything" during significant storms that causes slippery walkways.

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Snow and ice cover campus sidewalks due to the recent winter weather. The University has been trying to keep up with the amount of snow that has fallen.

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Chair Sarah Keefer proposed that budgets be approved by both the Council of Representatives and the Senate, saying both bodies should have authority regarding financial matters. "It would provide for a good check and balance," Keefer said.

Council members also began debate on the issue of Senate committee chairs. However, seconds after members voted to extend the length of the meeting, the meeting was disrupted by blaring fire alarms and the members cut their debate short in order to evacuate.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Paraguayan president returns
ASUNCION, Paraguay — Paraguay's president returned home on Monday from a vacation in neighboring Brazil amid reports of a possible assassination attempt against him.

Nicaragua Duarte landed in the Paraguayan capital under heavy security, refusing to confirm or deny the reports, first carried Monday by leading newspapers ABC Color and Ultima Hora.

However, the president did tell reporters that U.S. Ambassador John Keane in Asuncion told him weeks ago that the United States had increasing concerns for his safety.

He did not elaborate on details of the threat but said he would be reinforcing his security details, some of whom he said would be advised by American security specialists.

The matter involves "reserved information, state business," he said, refusing further comment.

Powell challenges Russia
MOSCOW — Visiting Secretary of State Colin Powell raised objections to Russia's curb on press freedom and the country's quest for military victory over Chechen rebels.

Powell, who was in Moscow on Monday that U.S.-Russian relations are on a sound footing.

In the days leading up to his visit here, Powell had refrained from criticizing Russia. But he took the unusual step of outlining, albeit gently and sometimes indirectly, his concerns in an opinion piece in Izvestia, perhaps the country's most respected daily.

The commentary competed for attention with Powell's two appearances here, with Putin before their Kremlin meeting and at a joint news conference later with Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov.

NATIONAL NEWS

Nurse indicted on more counts
FORT WORTH, Texas — A former nurse accused of killing four elderly patients was indicted Monday on charges of killing six other people during a day he was caring for a disabled man in her care.

Vickie Dawn Carson Jackson was indicted on three counts of capital murder, one count of attempted murder and one count of injury to a disabled person.

Defense attorney Bruce Martin said his client will plead innocent to the charges. The former nurse was alleged to have publicly on any of the deaths, which prosecutors say resulted from injections of a paralyzing drug.

Under Texas law, a defendant can be charged with capital murder if two or more people are killed during a crime.

Snow makes highways deadly
A pair of storms spread snow, sleet and freezing rain across the eastern half of the nation, glazing highways with treacherous ice as far south as Georgia and closing schools and government offices Monday.

The weather was blamed for at least 34 deaths, most of them traffic-related, on Sunday and Monday.

The heaviest snowfall was 23 inches at Duluth, Minn., as moist air swept inland from Texas law, a defendant can be.

The 33 people hospitalized included both police and residents. There was no immediate word on the nature of the injuries or their conditions.

The officials first said the fire broke out at an Egyptian fast-food restaurant on the ground floor, but later reported it began at the adjacent store.

A police officer at the scene, briefing reporters afterward, also said 16 people were trapped. The unnamed officer identified the civilians as workers in the store where the fire started.

But the Middle East News Agency quoted Cairo security chief Nabil el-Eizabli as saying eight people, including three policemen, remained trapped about three hours after the collapse. It was not clear if the discrepancy was because people had been pulled out of the rubble.

The building, built in 1981, was in Nasr City, an eastern suburb of the Egyptian capital near the airport. The area is home to many high-rise residential buildings and shopping areas.

The structure collapsed accordion-style into a pile of rubble about two stories high. Several satellite dishes rested intact on the roof, and a panda toy, slippers, bags and a brass pot were scattered in the debris.

Rescuers cleared rubble by hand in search of survivors for several hours and were joined by bulldozers early Tuesday.
Elections
rules of which not all students are aware.

The following deliberation, the Committee decided that a violation occurred under the Policy's General Rule no. 6: "Any additional hand-outs must be smaller than the 8 1/2" x 11" page size."

The sanction issued by the Elections Committee specified that, for each violation documented in a written complaint, the candidates' presentation election vote total would be penalized five votes.

The Elections Committee felt that a penalty of five votes was a significant deterrent from future violation of the policy," Haeberle said.

The candidates had until 8 a.m. Saturday to correct any possible additional problems. The Elections Committee now reserves the right to assess the same penalty per residence hall room should any member observe further violations with or without an accompanying written complaint.

In defense, the Brown-Fitzgerald ticket chose to appeal the decision made by the Elections Committee, citing a misunderstanding.

Haeberle said that all candidates were notified of the policy in specific detail before campaigning began. "In their election information meetings ... we made it a point to adequately cover the poster policy in detail," she said.

The Elections Appeals Board upheld the decision of the Elections Committee and penalized the ticket ten votes.

While Michelle and I still maintain that we were not informed of the rule binding us to the actions of the entire student body, we feel that the violation, hearing and appeals process worked very smoothly," Brown said. "While we are regretful that the votes of ten of our supporters will be invalidated, we do not feel this will alter the outcome of the election."

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Church
priests has only dropped slightly, the number of Catholics in the country has increased substantially, led by Hispanic immigration. A controversial study by Richard Schoenherr and Lawrence Younger predicts that the U.S. will lose 16,000 priests by 2015—a 40 percent decline. To make matters worse, the Catholic population of the country is expected to increase by 65 percent in that time period. That average age of priests will also rise, making turnover a much more substantial problem as seminary admission rates falter.

Schoenherr began his study in the 1980s and published his results in 1993. Although Schoenherr's projection was initially dismissed by analysts, his successor, Younger, was able to show it to be statistically accurate within 1 percent over a 10-year period in 1998.

"From what I have seen, there's been an amazing resilience, as well," King said. "I haven't seen people leaving out of disgust."

Old College freshman Joe Wysocki said that the news of the priest scandal hasn't affected his decision to work toward appointments to be a priest. "You have to think about yourself and you have to know that that's not the majority, that's the minority. I know that if I became a priest, I wouldn't be part of that," Wysocki said.

Wysocki said that people's reactions to his priestly ambitions have been overwhelming positively.

"Once you get to know people, I think those sorts of ideas pass away," he said.

McBrien agrees that the controversy will eventually pass, but says that officials need to be more proactive in openly addressing it and its causes.

"For starters, the officials of the Church need to allow every relevant question to be placed on the table and discussed," McBrien said. "Nothing can be ruled out of bounds from the start. Not celibacy. Not the ordination of women. Not seminary education. Not the way bishops are selected. Not the way the Church formulates its teachings on human sexuality and reproduction. Those who insist that certain questions like these may not be discussed are making a constrictive resolution of this long-term, deep-seated problem impossible."

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Flood
small holes in the DJ booth's ceiling, trying to drain water into buckets without soaking the stereo equipment around him.

"We put the holes in to contain it," Crabtree said. "It's pretty wet, but the water's stopped."

He estimated that within six to eight hours, the flooding would be "totally dry and under control."

"Unlike the library flood, we can get a lot of this up with carpet machines," Pierson said. "That was a mess over there."

He added that freezing inci­
dents are a fairly common prob­lem during the winter months.

"This time of year, there are a lot of floods," Pierson said. "There was a lot of water, but by the way it looks, we can catch up with this."

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Students advance in competition

MBA students take second place in VCIC entrepreneurial competition

By MATT BRAMANTI 
New York

A team of Notre Dame MBA students placed second in the wild card round of the Venture Capital Investment Competition (VCIC) held at Vanderbilt University Jan. 16. The team, sponsored by the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, faced teams from Arizona, Georgetown, Georgia, Purdue and Wake Forest.

Members of the team included second-year MBA students Steve Abdala, Chris Clevenger, Katrina Glerum and Jeff Stewart, as well as first-year student Paul Koss.

The VCIC, which bills itself as "the nation's premier strategy competition for venture-minded and entrepreneurial MBA students," allows students to take on the role of venture capitalists, investors who inject money into new businesses in return for partial ownership. In the competition, student teams review business plans and decide which ones to fund, thereby setting investment terms for a portfolio of start-up ventures.

Theresa Sedlack, from manager at the Gigot Center, said the VCIC brings together many different aspects of commerce that students learn at the Mendoza College of Business. The competition is "of such great value because it's the holistic picture of MBA education," Sedlack said. "You have to draw on all your experiences to create a good MBA career and personal experiences in a 48-hour period."

She said the team's high placement showed that Notre Dame and the Mendoza College and the Gigot Center have established their place in American business education. "If you really are the 'Who's Who' of the top 35 business schools out there, you're in," she said. "It's a testament to the caliber of our students."

Sedlack said the center has fielded VCIC teams for "a couple years now," but has recently stepped up efforts to prepare its students for the rigorous competition. "Last year, we really started to work actively to prepare the team," she said. "We brought in IrishAngels to help coach the students.

The Irish Angels network is made up of select Notre Dame alumni and friends with expertise in entrepreneurial ventures. According to the website, the network's mission is "To create a forum for entrepreneurial-minded members of the Notre Dame family to connect with each other for networking purposes and foster the development of new business opportunities, and "To support the work of the Mendoza College of Business and the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies by providing Notre Dame students with mentoring and networking assistance that is essential for building successful new businesses."

Over time, the preparation developed into a highly competitive MBA course. "Each class was taught by a different IrishAngel venture capitalist," Sedlack said. "Each lecture and assignment built on a skill (the students) would need in the competition."

The 15-person class nominated five of its members to make up the Notre Dame team.

The students' second-place finish qualifies the team for one of four regional events to be held in February and March at Georgia Tech, Babson College and the Universities of Michigan and Colorado. The Arizona team, which won the wild card division, will also advance.

Winners from each regional competition will continue on to the national finals in April at the University of North Carolina, where they will compete for a $15,000 prize.

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Trial opens in Lilly patent dispute

INDIANAPOLIS — Eli Lilly & Co. opened its defense in federal court Monday of its patent on the company's top-selling drug, Prozac, saying that its discovery came after years of difficult research.

Three generic drug manufacturers are seeking to have declared invalid Lilly's patent on Prozac, an anti-psychotic introduced in 1996 to treat schizophrenia that has sales of about $4 billion a year.

The companies challenging the patent argue that the discovery of the drug's molecular structure was obvious, that a previous Lilly patent covered it. The companies also claim that Lilly mislabeled the patent office and omitted certain tests results when applying for the patent.

Lawyer Dennis Lipsey said the active molecule in Zyprexa was not an obvious discovery because many drug companies were trying to find an anti-psychotic drug that would not give patients the side effects of other schizophrenia medications. He questioned how the drug could be obvious if so many companies, including Lilly, tried numerous versions without positive results.

"Lilly was right there failing with everybody else," Lipsey said. "It's an anti-psychotic, Prozac."

The generic drug makers — Zenith Goldline Pharmaceuticals, owned by Ixva Corp. of Miami; Indian drug maker Dr. Reddy's Laboratories; and the U.S. arm of Israel-based Teva Pharmaceutical Industries — claim Lilly knew about the Zyprexa compound for years and included it in a patent that expired in 1995.

The generic companies claim that by the time Lilly was ready to market Zyprexa, time was running out on the first patent so it decided to apply for a second one, which violates patent rules.

"The patent should have never been issued," said Thomas Heneghan, and attorney for Zenith Goldline Pharmaceuticals. "Lilly did not invent anything."

Zyprexa's patent was issued in 1993, giving Lilly exclusive U.S. rights on the drug until 2011. At issue is a molecule, called olanzapine, that is shaped like a seven-sided ring. Previous medications featured a similar ring with various atoms, like fluorine or chlorine, making them less effective.

Lipsey, however, said discovering olanzapine — the generic name for Zyprexa — was not as easy as chopping off the attached atoms. "That's not the way the chemistry works," Lipsey said, adding that "nobody in a million years" would have ever started research with a molecule lacking the additional atoms.

When Lilly lost the Prozac patent, it triggered a slide in Lilly's fortunes as less expensive generic versions of the antidepressant hit the market in late 2001 and captured most of Prozac's market share.
Remembering Martin Luther King

The legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. means a great deal to me. Even as a child, I remember celebrating his birthday, reading his speeches and learning about his life. While we continue to celebrate him yearly, I feel that our 104th birthday has forgotten his true message.

As a true global activist, Martin Luther King showed us the way to make our country and world better. He used stirring sermons to motivate the poor and planned to use the tools of education, administration of justice, and teach others. He also expressed his concern for human rights. He recognized systemic causes in the plight of the poor and planned to use the tools of nonviolent protest to demand income redistribution and societal restructuring.

Dr. King objected and spoke against the United States' campaign in Vietnam. In 1967, he and others at Saint Mary's University joined the fight of Memphis sanitation workers. King preached love - a tremendous and uplifting force for social transformation.

To the labor movement, Dr. King joined the fight of Memphis sanitation workers. On strike due to poor working conditions, low wages and disrespect stemming from intense racism, 1,300 African-American sanitation workers mobilized wearing signs proclaiming "I Am a Man." Dr. King saw this labor struggle in 1968 tied with the new direction he wanted to take the Civil Rights Movement. Using the tools of collective action and non-violent resistance, King wanted to start a mass action to end poverty for all Americans.

In March 1968, King declared to Memphis workers and sympathizers, "It is a crime for people to live in this rich nation and receive starvation wages." A month later, King returned to Memphis to lead a march and delivered his famous and prophetic speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop." The next day, April 4, 1968, his great light and moral witness was extinguished by an assassin's bullet.

Today we find ourselves in an era of domestic and international injustice. Using Dr. King's legacy, we must safeguard affirmative action to equalize opportunities of minorities in light of income and structural inequities that persist. Additionally, we must work to make education a national priority, not a luxury that is available to those with a just wage and a voice in their workplace.

Dr. King once said, "If a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live." I agree that such a creed is the only way to exist fully. Dr. King showed us the way to make our lives extraordinary by speaking truth to power and living with love saturated in words and deeds. More, now than ever, we need to follow his example.

Kamaria Porter
Breaking the Habit

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Martin Luther King, Jr.
A serving of British tidbits

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Why we can't wait for affirmative action

Affirmative action would not be necessary if race was no longer a factor in everyday life. Greg Parnell, in his Jan. 26 column, seems to forget that race is just one factor in deciding admissions; it is not the only factor. If you want a completely "fair" system, then all forms of identity should be taken out of the admissions process. If you don't use race as one of many factors then we should not use it. America is everywhere, from news, to burgers in the Dining Hall, to the Simpson and Stevens quotes which pepper conversation. Not too many people like Bush, and that is a common failure, especially among Americans, that Europe operates as a unified community. According to him, Europe's existence as a political unit is a consequence of this trip, and a common fallacy, especially among Americans. Europe's member states do not owe any real allegiance to one another. Now, I know that the Middle East, as a country, has no natural resources, no real political existence, but I have never seen it. Europe as such. I am not saying that I agree with Europe/Middle East analogy here. There is something that is certainly something for Americans about when viewing Europe as a political unit.

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The St. Edward’s Hall Players present a delight

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

The St. Edward’s Hall Players shot high when they decided to take on “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest.” Thanks to the hard work of one of the biggest casts and crews in St. Ed’s history, the play has turned into a big success. The St Ed’s Players have always been one of the smaller acting groups on campus, but with a budget of $2,300 and no faculty help the group has managed to pull together a striking student-run full stage production.

The play brings together some of the most experienced actors on campus, along with some new recruits, in one of the most popular stories in modern American literature. “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” is a 60s novel in every sense of the word. Published in 1962, the novel depicts the heroic struggle of mental institution inmate Randle Patrick McMurphy against the oppressive Nurse Ratched, an authoritarian asylum worker with little regard for her patients. Anyone with an itch against authority can find the original damn-the-man hero in the courageously bawdy McMurphy.

McMurphy first enters the asylum on dubious grounds. His file shows a long record of drunkenness, assault, disturbing the peace, and statutory rape of a 15-year-old girl who “said she was 18, and plenty o’ willin.” McMurphy is saner than any patient, nurse or doctor in the ward, and only gets himself admitted to avoid the manual labor planned as punishment for his raucous good times.

At least, he is sane until he enters the treatment ward. Once inside, holding on to any form of sanity is a minute by minute struggle. McMurphy’s carefree rebelliousness is exactly the thing that could decimate Ratched’s tyranny. The ward quickly becomes a battlefield of wills as McMurphy seeks to free the patients from under Ratched’s well-manicured thumb.

Ken Kesey’s novel was an immediate success after its publication. Kesey based his descriptions of the ward on his own experiences. Kesey worked in a mental institution during the late 1950s, where he talked to many of the patients and developed a strong dislike for the institutional system.

“One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” became even more famous with Milos Forman’s 1975 screen adaptation. The film was wildly popular, winning five academy awards. Despite the movie’s popularity and Jack Nicholson’s indelible association with the role of McMurphy, many Kesey fans have said the movie lost the most important aspects of the book.

The stage adaptation by Dale Wasserman is said to retain much more of the genius of Kesey’s original work. Director Adel Hanash picked up the script on a whim after he heard of the winter of 2002.
that he would be directing this year's show. He had heard a lot about the play and found all the praise to be true.

"Before I started directing the show I read the play about 30 times," Hanash said. "It has everything I was looking for.

"Now you see a lot of stylized scripts, but this play is straightforward, with stylistic points. It gave me room to play around."

Although the story is already famous, Hanash wanted to interpret the script his own way. "I'll see the movie after the production, but I refused to see it before. I didn't want it to affect how the show came out."

Hanash has played Othello, Tartuffe, Laertes and many other characters during his time on campus, but the play is his first swing at directing. "I called in every favor I had to get it done."

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" is an exciting play, but it is also dark and difficult to perform. The veteran actors playing the lead roles in the show worked hard to pull the story together.

"Everyone put in so much," Hanash said. "I’ve been working hard to get it done."

A cast of 15 or 20 actors can easily dwarf the Washington hall stage. Making the action look natural required careful blocking.

"We have some big shoes to fill following the footsteps of such a famous movie," Certez said. "(Hanash) really went above and beyond."

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Published in 1962, Ken Kesey’s novel “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” pits the rebellious Randle Patrick McMurphy against his nemesis, Nurse Ratched. A mental institution is the setting of the battle between McMurphy’s rowdy freedom and Ratched’s oppressive attempts to subdue him.
New Jersey coach Scott fired by team president

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Two trips to the finals, a Division and a recent coach of the month award weren't enough to save Byron Scott's NBA job.

The coach of the New Jersey Nets was fired Monday by team president Rod Thorn, who was unhappy with the team's performance over the first half of the season. The two-time defending Eastern Conference champions are 22-29 after losing five of six games.

Scott was replaced by Lawrence Frank, a 33-year-old assistant whose promotion to the head coaching job comes with an "interim" label for the rest of this season — though Thorn made it clear that Frank will keep the job if the team performs well.

"Sometimes change or a different voice is good, and in this case with coach Frank we all feel confident," Nets guard Jason Kidd said.

The coaching change did not come as a surprise to the Nets given the team's performance and Scott's lame-duck status. With the team up for sale, management refused to offer Scott an extension last summer after the Nets lost 4-2 to San Antonio in the NBA Finals.

Scott's standing in the locker room was weakened in mid-December when Kidd screamed at him during a heated programmers team meeting following a 47-point loss to the Memphis Grizzlies.

After that clash, Scott led the Nets to five victories in their next six games, temporarily saving his job and helping him earn coach of the month honors. But the Nets began sliding again this month, the low point coming Friday in an 85-64 loss to Miami — a defeat that convinced Thorn he needed to make a change.

"I felt it would turn itself around, and for a while it did. But it became evident to me that it wasn't going to turn around," Thorn said. "We have not played to the level we anticipated playing."

Scott holds the franchise record with 149 coaching victories. After a 25-56 record in his first season, the Nets went 52-30 in 2001-02 and 49-33 in 2002-03 before losing in the NBA Finals both seasons.

Scott received the news Monday morning in a meeting with Thorn, who then told the team of the change.

Kidd said he didn't know a change was imminent, although a front-office source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that Kidd spoke with management yesterday about the team's coaching situation.

"I had nothing to do with this," Kidd said. "Coaching changes happen all the time. I'm a player here, I'm an employee. I have no control over who's the coach or what trades are made."

Thorn said the team's season-long inconsistency and lack of focus convinced him that a new leadership voice was needed in the locker room.

He said the change was not related to the sale of the team for $300 million last Friday to developer Bruce Ratner, who plans to move the franchise to Brooklyn.

Thorn considered other candidates from inside and outside the organization but settled on Frank because of his familiarity with the Nets' complicated offense and his rapport with the players.

"Lawrence is a lot like Jeff Van Gundy, who I think is one of the best coaches in pro basketball," Thorn said.

New Jersey Nets head coach Byron Scott watches his team win 97-87 over the Washington Wizards in December.

Louisville basketball

Louisville coach Pitino taking medical leave of absence

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville coach Rick Pitino is taking an indefinite leave of absence to seek treatment for an undetermined medical condition that left him in agony.

"We have been experiencing pain the last three or four games," Pitino said Monday. "It's getting worse by day."

Pitino, 51, said the pain in his left side was "urological related," and that he had been dealing with it for four to five months. He said doctors have ruled out prostate cancer, but they have not determined what is causing Pitino pain.

Pitino said he first noticed the pain during a golf outing last summer. He said doctors first treated it as a muscle tear, but when it didn't heal, they began looking for another cause.

"It's gotten to the point where it's gotten a little too painful to lead the type of coaching lifestyle I lead," Pitino said. "We'll take it from there."

Louisville (15-1) is ranked fourth in this week's AP Top 25 and has won 15 consecutive games. The Cardinals host Houston on Wednesday night.

Pitino said he did not know how many games he would miss.

"It could be a couple of days, it could be a couple of weeks," he said.

The Cardinals beat Tennessee 65-62 Sunday night when Pitino arrived home early Monday morning, the discomfort was unbearable.

"I was doubled over in pain," Pitino said.

Louisville athletics director Tom Jurich said Pitino told him about the pain during the past few weeks.

"I know he's been struggling. Last night it probably came to a head," Jurich said. "He wants to get this addressed."

Assistant Kevin Willard, who last week pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of alcohol, will coach the team in Pitino's absence. As a condition of his plea, Willard, the son of Holy Cross coach Ralph Willard, must undergo alcohol counseling.

Pitino said he disciplined Willard internally after his arrest. He had no reservations about turning the team over to Willard, who worked as Pitino's assistant with the Boston Celtics.

"My confidence level in him is off the charts," Pitino said.

Pitino met with his players before practice on Monday to discuss the situation.

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**NFL**

**BRIEF**

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Norv Turner hoped he would get a second chance as an NFL head coach. He was thrilled to get it with the players in the silver-and-black uniforms he always wanted to wear. Turner was hired by the Oakland Raiders on Monday. The former Redskins coach takes over a team that went from the Super Bowl to a 4-12 debacle in one tumultuous year. Davis believes he found his man during a long weekend interview: "I never played for the Raiders, but about 30 miles over there in Martinez, in the streets, I was Daryl Lymeonica many times," Turner said, recalling Oakland's famed quarterback from 1967-74. "When my arm got tired, I was George Blanda. I grew up with the Raiders."  

Turner, considered one of football's top offensive tacticians, was the offensive coordinator for two Super Bowl winners in Dallas in the early 1990s. He was the Miami Dolphins' offensive coordinator the last two seasons. "I belong here," said Turner, whose playing career peaked as a backup in the early 90s. "I got off the plane here, I felt like I was coming home. I feel like I'm home now."  

Turner also spent nearly seven seasons with the Redskins, going 49-59-1 with just one playoff berth from 1994-00 before being fired with three games left in his final campaign. He was widely criticized in Washington, but Turner still believed in himself — and so did his many friends. "I wanted to see if it was real, because I got a lot of recommendations," Davis said. "If I felt I waited (to hire a coach), I couldn't do any better. I just thought it was the right fit. Everything that we need at this particular time, we will rely on Norv to help us with."  

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**Men's College Basketball Coaches Top 25**

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**Turner chosen to revitalize Raiders**

**Former Redskins coach Norv Turner talks at a press conference after being hired by the Oakland Raiders. Turner will take over as head coach after owner Al Davis fired Bill Callahan.**

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**In Brief**

Boone's knee injury may cost him the season

NEW YORK — Yankees third baseman Aaron Boone injured his left knee playing basketball and may be out for the season, just three months after his hero-to-goat performance in the postseason.

Boone was hurt Jan. 16 and may have torn his anterior cruciate ligament. He was examined three days later by Atlanta Angels team physician Lewis Yocum, and Boone informed the Yankees of the injury that night.

The extent of the damage will not be known until swelling subsides, and Boone has not yet been examined by Yankees doctors.

If there is a complete tear, he would require reconstructive surgery that could sideline him until 2005.

The Yankees do not have a backup third baseman with full-time major league experience. Enrique Wilson and newly signed Miguel Cairo are options to fill the spot, as is minor leaguer Drew Henson.

New York acquired Boone from Cincinnati on July 31, just weeks after his first All-Star selection.

The injury could create an opening for Henson, the former University of Michigan quarterback who has struggled in the Yankees' farm system.

McGrady ties NBA 3-point record

CLEVELAND — Orlando's Tracy McGrady tied an NBA record by making eight 3-pointers in a game without a miss is held by Milwaukee Bucks - and Kobe Bryant (2003) of the Los Angeles Lakers.

Bryant holds the league record of 12 3-pointers in a game, set on Jan. 7 and the record of six for five straight games.

McGrady went 4-for-4 from long range in the first quarter and then hit four straight in the second, burying a 3 from the left wing over rookie Forward James to give the Magic a 55-46 lead.

During one stretch, he scored 17 consecutive points for the Magic on a four-point play, three free throws, consecutive 3-pointers and two jumpers.

The league record for the most 3s in a game without a miss is held by Latrell Sprewell, who made nine attempts for New York on Feb. 4, 2003 against the Los Angeles Clippers.

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Irish earn individual, team academic awards

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame men's soccer team was one of 75 teams across the country to earn the 2002-03 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award. The Irish posted a 3.155 team grade point average for the '02-'03 school year.

The Notre Dame men join the Irish women's program in earning double honors for the University — one of 48 schools to accomplish that feat.

In other Irish men's soccer news, senior Justin Dettcr and junior Chris Sawyer were named to the Soccer Times All-America team for 2003. Dettcr earned second-team honors, while Sawyer landed on the third team.

A recent MLS draftee by the Kansas City Wizards, Dettcr played in 80 games during his career and finished with 74 career points and eight game-winning goals. As the 2003 Big East Championship Most Outstanding Offensive Player, he earned first-team all-conference honors and led the team with 14 goals and 33 points last season.

Dettcr finished in the top 15 all-time in total points at Notre Dame and scored an NCAA-match record five points against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee during postseason play last fall. He also participated and played well in the Major League Soccer player combine during the last month.

Sawyer was the Big East Goalkeeper of the Year and his three shut outs during the Big East Championship landed him the tournament's Most Outstanding Defensive Player award. Sawyer led the Big East with 12 shutouts in 2003 and posted an impressive 0.67 goals-against average.

FOOTBALL

Jones is in All-Star Challenge

Special to The Observer

CHICAGO — Julius Jones will be one of eight players to participate in the 2004 Capital One College Football All-Star Challenge at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. The Challenge will air on FOX, Sunday, Feb. 1, at 12:30 p.m.

The Capital One All-Star Challenge will feature some of the greatest of the 2003 college football season. The star-studded list includes Jones, Texas wide receiver Roy Williams, Washington wide receiver Reggie Williams, Michigan State quarterback Jeff Smoker, Tennessee quarterback Casey Clausen, Kentucky quarterback Jared Lorenzen, Michigan quarterback John Navarre and Michigan running back Chris Perry.

The match between the Irish and Kentucky will probably be rescheduled for some time in the month of April, though an exact date for it has not yet been announced. The teams have met in each of the last 11 seasons, and the Irish hold a 12-10-1 advantage in the all-time series.

MEN'S TENNIS

Kentucky match is postponed

Special to The Observer

The men's tennis match between No. 49 Notre Dame and No. 10 Kentucky, originally scheduled for today in the Eck Tennis Pavilion has been postponed due to unforeseen travel complications encountered by the Wildcats. Notre Dame (3-1) will return to action Saturday, traveling to No. 8 Duke for a contest at noon.

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Gymnastics team takes fourth in Clover Classic
Blue and Gold Classic draws seven of nation's top ten bowling teams to South Bend's Beacon Bowl

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's gymnastics clubs played host to twelve strong teams this past weekend at Gymnastics Michiana in the seventh annual Blue & Gold Classic. The defending national champion women's squad finished fourth in the fourth annual event. Miami of Ohio took first, with Purdue winning the men's event.

The women's seniors on the Irish and Saint Mary's teams proved to be too much for the rest of the field. Saint Mary's Kim Lavigne paced the team with a 148 average, good for 68th place, and was followed by Danielle LaFrangboise with a 129 average. Jacqueline Pimentel-Gannon, with a 121 average, returned from studying abroad to roll a 160 in her first day back on the lanes. Katie Hunt, earned a high game of 173 and Mary Bocik, who rolled a 149 game in her first collegiate tournament, completed the team scoring. In their final game, the Irish posted a team score of 761, good enough to beat several experienced teams in the round.

Women's Ice Hockey
Although losing 11-3 Saturday and 3-1 Sunday to defending NCAA national club champion Michigan State this weekend, the women's hockey club had reason to hold their heads high. A bruised and shorthanded Irish squad stood up to the Spartans and played hard for sixty minutes in both games.

Saturday's loss marked only the third time Michigan State has given up three goals this season. The other two opponents were Sacred Heart, an NCAA Division I power and highly regarded Rhode Island. Anemarie Kennedy scored the Irish's first two goals, assisted by Tori Blainey and Julia LaPoite, and again by LaPoite on the second goal. LaPoite scored the final goal for the squad.

The Irish displayed character and resilience in a great game on Sunday. The Spartans were held scoreless until 8:38 of the second period as Becca Frigy played an amazing game in net for the Irish. Michigan State scored again with 25 seconds remaining in the period. In the third period, Julia LaPoite scored unassisted at 10:01, but a late goal assured the Spartans the victory. Highlighting the Irish game was the penalty killing squad, which held the Spartans scoreless through five penalty advantages.

Skirling
A long trek to Searchmont, Canada proved to be just what the Notre Dame ski club needed as the women's squad avenged last week's second place showing and defeated Michigan State and the rest of the conference in winning both the slalom and giant slalom events. Leigh Hehir finished first in each event for the Irish to lead the club. In the giant slalom, Hellingr finished second for the Irish on the deep squad.

The men's squad posted its best finish in many years, claiming second overall behind Western Michigan, and ahead of Grand Valley State, Michigan, Michigan State and Northwestern in that order. In the giant slalom, Jason Luceht finished sixth; Mike Ryan, seventh; Leif Petersen, 13th; Joe Payne, 20th and Bill Lienkemhler 31st as everyone on the deep squad performed well.

The men's competition was won by Illinois, with Purdue and Eastern Michigan following. Ross Strambu, Dana Collins, Aaron Roberis, Todd Moffat and Eric Eddy all earned points for the Irish men's squad.

The next competition will be Feb. 7 at Miami of Ohio.

Bowling
Seven of the nation's top ten teams converged on Beacon Bowl this weekend and were joined by 37 strong teams in the seventh annual Blue and Gold Classic. No. 3 Wichita State claimed top honors, with No. 2 Vincentinos and No. 6 Kansas right behind. Chris Dilley of Kansas posted the top average, 211, as only seven bowlers were able to average over 200 on very difficult lanes. Top-ranked and tournament favorite Saginaw Valley finished sixth. The field included teams from Arizona State, Nebraska, Texas A&M, most of the Big Ten and many other top schools.

The Notre Dame men's squad finished a very respectable 29th in the event. Highlighting the tournament for the team was a high game of 953 to defeat No. 7 Morehead State, which rolled an 844. Steve DePoyster Holy Cross and captain Jason Raver led the Irish, finishing 38th and 41st among 238 bowlers. DePoyster's nine game average was 186.3, while Raver's 196 average over the nine games included a 687 series with games of 223, 217 and 247. Jim Talamo, had a 157 average, Dan Martin, 153 average and Van Koppersmith, 177 average completed the Blue squad for the Irish.

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locked with Columbia at 13 apiece, they looked to one of their many newcomers to keep their winning streak alive. The Irish were in an identical position in December’s dual match against Penn State. It took the guile of freshman epeeist Aaron Adjemian to save the Irish in a winner-take-all final match. This time the team’s fate again lay in the hands of another freshman — sabre Patrick Ghattas. After he quickly fell behind 3-0, Ghattas was not to be denied, scoring five unanswered points and securing a Notre Dame victory.

In the next match, neither team faced much of a challenge from New York University. The men cruised to an 18-9 win while the women breezed to a 24-3 romp.

Unfortunately for the men, the luck of the Irish finally wore out. The freshmen could not conjure up enough magical heroics to bail Notre Dame out against the Red Storm who handily defeated the Irish by an 18-9 score. The 90-match winning streak, which started during the 2000 season, was the longest since 1984-88 when the Irish posted 96 consecutive victories. The school record is 122 straight wins, set from 1975-80.

Freshman epeeist Amy Orlando who finished a perfect 13-0 headed the individual performances of the day. Junior foilists Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament only suffered one loss apiece finishing 13-1 and 11-1 respectively.

Ghattas, who secured the decisive victory against Columbia, performed well all day, ending with an 11-1 mark. He was followed closely by junior epeeist Michal Sobieraj (14-1) and by captain and foilist Forest Walton (13-2).

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles face tough game against Albion

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Despite performing better as of late, the Belles will have their hands full tonight when they visit Albion, a team that has been very tough to beat all year.

Giving up a MIAA low 54.8 average points per game, Albion's defense has been the story for its success all season. The Belles will need to continue their recent clean play to escape with a victory in this tough league matchup.

The first time these two teams played this season, Albion (14-4) came out victorious in a 51-40 victory. The Belles (5-12) were held to 31 percent from the field and committed 23 turnovers. Albion's offense failed to look much better, shooting just 32 percent and eight percent from behind the arc.

If the Belles are to be victorious tonight, they will need to limit Albion to a similar offensive display while playing much better on their own offensive end.

Katie Miller led Saint Mary's the last time they faced Albion, with 13 points on 5-of-13 shooting, and 3-of-7 from 3-point range. Emily Creachbaum added 11 points and 8 rebounds in the Dec. 10 loss.

Despite losing the last contest against Albion, the Belles have momentum going into tonight's game. The Belles snapped a seven-game losing streak this weekend with a 67-64 overtime victory against Tri-State. Interestingly enough, the Belles last win before the seven-game skid came in an overtime victory at Tri-State, the last time those two teams played.

In the overtime win over Tri-State, Creachbaum had perhaps her best game of the season, scoring 26 points on 11-of-20 shooting. She was a perfect 2-of-3 from 3-point range, and grabbed 10 rebounds. Her presence will be needed tomorrow night in order for the Belles to win.

Emily Pernotto will also need to continue to produce on the offensive end. She has looked great at times this season, namely in losses to Widener and Kalamazoo, where she scored 17 points and 15 points, respectively. Her backcourt presence combined with Creachbaum in the interior could be important if the Belles are to win tonight's game.

Sarah Caskey is Albion's leading scorer this season, averaging 12.8 points per game and 42 percent from 3-point range. She has a team high 81 assists in the team's 18 games this year, and is coming off a 25 point performance in a victory over Adrian College on Jan. 24.

Albion and Saint Mary's will tip off tonight at 7:30 at Albion.

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**FENCING**

The streak is over

No. 1 men's 90-match winning streak snapped while No. 1 women go 5-0

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Entering Sunday's New York University dual meet, both the men's and women's fencing teams shared nearly identical success stories. Both were ranked first in the country, having previously dispatched archrival Penn State equally nerve-racking 14-13 victories. But over the weekend, something finally gave.

The Notre Dame women fencers swept through Sunday's matches, increasing their dual meet record to 10-0 this year. The men, however, suffered their first blemish failing to fourth-ranked St. John's men's victory. As though the loss wasn't bad enough, it also halted the third longest winning streak in program history at 90 consecutive dual matches.

In the opening dual meet of the day, both teams easily knotted their way through Yale, notching identical 21-6 victories. Columbia, however, would prove a much more worthy opponent. Both the men and the women were pushed to the limit, before finally squeaking by with 14-13 victories. The women's side had to hold on as their lead began to slip away. A 9-4 advantage was quickly erased and the Irish found themselves clinging to a slim 13-12 advantage. Not until sabre Destanie Milo secured the decisive 14th victory (5-4) did the Irish breathe easy.

The men faced an even greater challenge. Dead-"ends to place their fourth all-time for the Belles. "(Nowak) eats up the practices and she seems to swim well tired," Petcoff said.

Junior Michelle Stanforth competed in the 200-yard breaststroke and placed fourth with a season-best time of 2:43.88.

It was Julie McGranahan's stunning performance in the 200-yard butterfly that helped her to earn the performer of the meet honor. McGranahan placed second in the event with a time of 2:22.2.

"It jumped out at us," Petcoff said. "(McGranahan) was aggressive; her swim was the one that was impressive enough to pop some eyes.

McGranahan also finished second for Saint Mary's in the 1000-yard freestyle in a time of 11:53.15.

Although Saint Mary's lost to Alma, the team is focused upon leaving an impact at the MIAA Championships next month.

"We were not willing to trade a good week of training to swim well at the championships for that one win at Alma," Petcoff said. "However, we did have some good swims, and I walked away from the meet very pleased."

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

Six-game losing streak ends

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

It's finally over.

After being winless for the past month, the Belles snapped a seven-game losing streak with an overtime victory at home over Albion. The Belles (5-12) recovered from a shaky second half to defeat the Tri-State University (1-17) in a 67-64 grudge match.

A 26-25 halftime lead by the Belles evaporated as Tri-State made an aggressive comeback to force the game into overtime.

In overtime, the Belles pulled out in front, led by the efforts of forward Emily Creachbaum. Creachbaum, who received a nomination for MIAA player of the week, led the way for the Belles with 26 points and 10 rebounds on 11 of 20 shooting. In addition, she was a perfect 3-of-3 from 3-point range and had two blocks and three steals.

Before this game, the last victory for the Belles came Dec. 13 against Tri-State. In an outcome almost identical to Saturday's game, the Belles won 64-62 in overtime.

Mindy Tillford was the leading scorer for Tri-State, with 13 points on 5-of-13 shooting. Guard Amber Krueckberg also contributed 12 points and 12 rebounds to help bring the game into overtime.

The Belles only had 12 turnovers, but trouble at the free throw line nearly cost them the game. After shooting 5-of-12 in a loss to Kalamazoo, the Belles shot only 8-of-15 from the line against Tri-State.

The overtime win gives the Belles a badly needed morale boost as it look ahead to its three upcoming games against Albion, Calvin and Hope. The three teams have a combined 19-5 record in the MIAA, and Calvin and Hope are tied for first in the conference.

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**SMC SWIMMING**

Petcoff is satisfied despite loss at Alma

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

In Saturday's meet against Alma College, Saint Mary's knew it would be difficult to overcome the deficit of having no divers. But this deficit proved too much for the Belles, as the team lost 127-97 and dropped their sixth consecutive conference meet of the season.

Saint Mary's 0-6 standing in the MIAA is not an accurate depiction of how much success Saint Mary's expects to have at the MIAA Championships. Saint Mary's was more focused upon increasing the amount of training this past week than in previous weeks to help build the team's endurance.

"What happened at this meet was that we worked hard this past week, and we knew that we would be swimming tired," Saint Mary's swimming coach Gregg Petcoff said. "We just wanted to swim the best times we could."

Despite fatigue factoring into Saint Mary's performance last weekend, multiple swimmers showed signs of progress, and several swimmers finished the meet with season-best times. In just her third meet of her collegiate career, sophomore Sarah Nowak finished second in the 200-yard breaststroke in a time of 2 minutes, 37.25 seconds to place her fourth all-time for the Belles.

"(Nowak) eats up the practices, and she seems to swim well tired," Petcoff said.

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**SPORTS**

**SMC BASKETBALL**

Saint Mary's at Albion
Tonight. 7:30 p.m.

The Belles go on the road after snapping a six-game losing streak.

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's forward Delbre Mangen dribbles upcourt Dec. 3 against St. Andrews.

The Irish earn a national team award for their average grade point average during the 2002-03 season.

FOOTBALL

Former Notre Dame running back Julius Jones will participate in a skills competition this weekend.

MEN'S TENNIS

Kentucky at Notre Dame
Postponed

Due to inclement weather, today's match was canceled and will be rescheduled for April.

**NCAA BASKETBALL**

Louisville men's basketball coach Jeff Pitino is taking an indefinite medical leave of absence from the team.